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FOREST COVER IN J K
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by the Government on the recommendations of CAG on the regeneration and preservation of the forest area in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the details of money spent in this regard alongwith the mechanism for monitoring the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the State is implementing the National Forest Policy, 1988 and undertaking various measures for expediting compensatory afforestation, removal of encroachment and prevention of further encroachment of forest areas. As per the State Government, no specific fund has been allotted to implement the CAG recommendations. However, the regeneration and preservation of forests is being done from available resources under various ongoing schemes funded by the State and the Central Governments. The major schemes are Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests, Eco Task Force, Stabilization of Slip Areas, Urban Forestry, CM's Participatory Afforestation Programme, River Valley Project, Eco-restoration of Degraded Catchments and National Afforestation Programme for which a total allocation of Rs. 23.36 crores has been made and Rs. 8.29 crores spent till 31-1-2008 during 2007-08. The State has also prepared a scheme for strengthening the monitoring mechanism, and a multi- tier monitoring and evaluation is in place.